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Precautions: Addiction (dependency) to diphenoxylate HCl is theoretically possible at high dosage. Do not exceed recommended dosages. Administer with caution to patients receiving addicting drugs or known to be addiction prone or having a history of drug abuse. The subtherapeutic amount of atropine is added to discourage deliberate overdose; strictly observe contraindications, warnings and precautions for atropine; use with caution in children since signs of atropinism may occur even with the recommended dosage. Use with care in patients with acute ulcerative colitis and discontinue use if abdominal distention or other symptoms develop. **Adverse reactions:** Atropine effects include dryness of skin and mucous membranes, flushing, hyperthermia, tachycardia and urinary retention. Other side effects with Lomotil include nausea, sedation, vomiting, swelling of the gums, abdominal discomfort, respiratory depression, numbness of the extremities, headache, dizziness, depression, malaise, drowsiness, coma, lethargy, anorexia, restlessness, euphoria, pruritus, angioneurotic edema, giant urticaria, paralytic ileus, and toxic megacolon.

Dosage and administration: Lomotil is contraindicated in children less than 2 years old. Use only Lomotil liquid for children 2 to 12 years old. For ages 2 to 5 years, 4 mL (2 mg.) t.i.d.; 5 to 8 years, 4 mL (2 mg.) q.i.d.; 8 to 12 years, 4 mL (2 mg.) 5 times daily; adults, two tablets (5 mg.) t.i.d. to two tablets (5 mg.) q.i.d. or two regular teaspoonsfuls (10 mL, 5 mg.) q.i.d. Maintenance dosage may be as low as one fourth of the initial dosage. Make downward dosage adjustment as soon as initial symptoms are controlled.

Overdose: Keep the medication out of the reach of children since accidental overdose may cause severe, even fatal, respiratory depression. Signs of overdose include flushing, hyperthermia, tachycardia, lethargy or coma, hypotonic reflexes, nystagmus, pinpoint pupils and respiratory depression which may occur 12 to 30 hours after overdose. Evacuate stomach by lavage, establish a patent airway and, when necessary, assist respiration mechanically. A narcotic antagonist may be used in severe respiratory depression. Observation should extend over at least 48 hours.

Dosage forms: Tablets, 2.5 mg. of diphenoxylate HCl with 0.025 mg. of atropine sulfate. Liquid, 2.5 mg. of diphenoxylate HCl and 0.025 mg. of atropine sulfate per 5 mL. A plastic dropper calibrated in increments of ½ mL (total capacity, 2 mL.) accompanies each 2-oz. bottle of Lomotil liquid.

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